

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are presently pending. In Office Action mailed August 19, 2004, Examiner relies heavily on Lowry and/or U.S. Patent of 6,368,497 to reject the claims.


Applicant has submitted, with this Amendment, an updated Affidavit under Rule 131 to obviate rejections based on Lowry, and a Terminal Disclaimer (filed 2-22-05) to obviate double-patenting rejections based on 6,368,497.

By this Amendment, Claims 1-15 and 21-22 were modified to bring them into condition for allowance. Claims 16-20 were canceled. Accordingly, the present Application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

If Examiner determines that the present Amendment is insufficient to bring the Application into condition for Allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that any additional necessary changes be made by Examiner's Amendment.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 21, 2005.

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